

FISCAL NOTE

HB 700 - SB 1694

March 14, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Suspends the Child Support Guidelines promulgated by the Department of Human Services that became effective January 18, 2005. Reinstates the Child Support Guidelines that were effective January 17, 2005. Creates a 28 member Tennessee Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee to review both sets of guidelines and any other policy, rule, regulation or guideline adopted or used previously in the state in order to draft, revise, and recommend to the General Assembly those child support guidelines to be used in Tennessee courts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$93,400 One-Time
\$964 Each One Day Meeting**

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$181,200

Assumptions:

- The Department of Human Services will need to modify the functions of the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System (TCSES). The Department will contract staff to analyze, program and test the changes to TCSES resulting in an increase of \$274,600 in expenditures (state and federal combined).
- The Office of Legislative Administration will increase expenditures of \$964 per one day meetings for the two Senators and two Representatives on the advisory committee.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts would incur a not significant increase in expenditures to communicate the transition back to the prior child support guidelines and for the expenses by the 10 judicial members serving on the task force.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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